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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/773,618	Applicant(s) ISHIDA, HIRONOBU	
	Examiner Douglas Q. Tran	Art Unit 2624	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

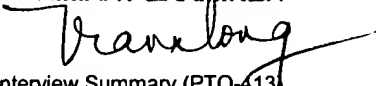
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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PRIMARY EXAMINER


4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) ☐ Other: ____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fukunaga et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,023).

As to claim 1, Fukunaga teaches a printing system comprising a laboratory server for obtaining prints by carrying out printing of an image based on order information provided from a user for instructing printing of the image, the laboratory server having a laboratory database for storing the order information including information representing at least an image ID specifying the image to be printed and a requested quantity of the prints and added with an order ID for identifying the image ID and the requested quantity, and the laboratory server comprising correction means for changing the requested quantity of the prints in the order information stored in the laboratory database to an actual quantity of the prints based on an input received by the correction means (col. 13, lines 15-23: The order management table 711 is a database or searchable file stored in HDD 2009 and has print order data as will be described later with reference to FIG. 8 and an order status table having the progress status data of print orders as will be described later with reference to FIG. 10. And col. 53, lines 55-65: The order collector/deleter for allowing a user to correct/delete a print order is also provided. Therefore, even if a print server is changed, it is easy to change the number of copies and the like so that a

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simple order miss can be avoided. The work amount of the user entered an erroneous order can be reduced)

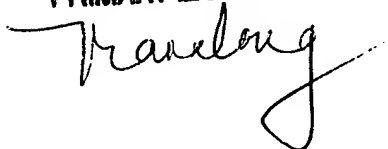
As to claims 2-27, Fukunaga teaches the same scopes to claims 2-27.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas Q. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7442 or E-mail address is douglas.tran@uspto.gov.

Jan. 20, 2006

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tran Douglas', written over the printed name and title.